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## Letter dated 1 April 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council

I attach the text of the declaration adopted in Vienna by international, regional and subregional organizations on 12 March 2004 at the follow-up meeting to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee special meeting of 6 March 2003 (see annex). I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Inocencio F. **Arias**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

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**Annex**

# Follow-up Meeting to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) Special Meeting of 6 March 2003 hosted by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

March 11-12 (2004)
Vienna, Austria

## Vienna Declaration

The participating representatives of the international, regional and sub-regional organizations, bodies of the United Nations system, and international institutions in the follow-up Meeting to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) Special Meeting of 6 March 2003, whose names are listed in the appendix;

Expressing appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) for hosting this meeting; the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of American States for hosting the meeting with regional organizations on 7 October 2003; and commending these organizations for their support of the work of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee;

Noting with appreciation the many anti-terrorism action plans adopted by the various international, regional and sub-regional organizations, international institutions and bodies of the UN system in the global effort to combat international terrorism;

Acknowledging the vital and central role of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), established under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001), in the global effort to combat terrorism;

Bearing in mind the obligations of all Member States of the United Nations to implement fully Resolution 1373 (2001);

Recognizing the difficulties that some Member States of the United Nations, as well as some members of participating international, regional and sub-regional organizations may face to implement fully Resolution 1373 (2001);

Noting that a large number of Member States of the United Nations require assistance in implementing fully all the provisions of Resolution 1373 (2001), and in this regard acknowledging the mandate of the CTC, to explore ways in which States can be assisted, and in particular to explore with

international, regional, and sub-regional organizations: the promotion of best-practice in the areas covered by Resolution 1373 (2001) including the preparation of model laws as appropriate; the availability of existing technical, financial, regulatory, legislative or other assistance programmes which might facilitate the implementation of Resolution 1373 (2001); and the promotion of possible synergies between these assistance programmes;

Noting further the role of the CTC, pursuant to the declaration annexed to Security Council Resolution 1456 (2003) to step up its efforts to facilitate the provision of technical and other assistance by developing targets and priorities for global action against terrorism;

Underlining the importance of technical assistance and capacity building, particularly in the fields identified by the CTC as priority areas for States;

Emphasizing that States must ensure that any measure taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, and should adopt such measures in accordance with international law, in particular international human rights, refugee, and humanitarian law;

Concerned with the potential duplication of technical assistance provided to States in the same areas for the effective implementation of Resolution 1373, while other priority areas may remain unaddressed;

Acknowledging that international, regional and sub-regional organizations should continue to evaluate ways in which they can enhance the effectiveness of their counter-terrorism related programs, including by establishing dialogue and exchanges of information with each other and with other relevant international actors, in particular with the CTC;

Acknowledging further the role of those organizations whose activities relate to the control or use of, or access to nuclear, chemical, biological and other deadly materials; and in this context the importance of fully complying with existing legal obligations in the fields of disarmament, arms limitation and non-proliferation and, where necessary, strengthening international instruments;

Reaffirming that regional and subregional organizations should continue to increase their cooperation with the CTC and other international organizations to facilitate sharing of best practice to enhance the collective effort against terrorism, and to assist their Member States in fulfilling their obligations to combat terrorism in accordance with the relevant Security Council Resolutions;

Stressing the importance of a sustained, comprehensive approach involving the active participation, cooperation and collaboration of all relevant international, regional, and sub-regional organizations, and UN bodies as a mean to enhance the effective implementation of all the provisions of Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001);

Determined to make further progress on the matters referred to in this Declaration in order to give effect to the commitments made during the CTC Special Meeting on 6 March 2003 and the follow-up meeting of 7 October 2003;

Agree as follows:

1. To seek ways in which to enhance the effectiveness of our efforts against terrorism within our respective mandates and competences and to coordinate and exchange information with the CTC, with one another, as well as with other relevant international actors in an effort to meet the capacity-building needs of our members in order to assist them to implement fully their obligations under Resolution 1373 (2001);

2. To provide the CTC, where appropriate under existing arrangements, with relevant information for inclusion in the Matrix of Joint Activities, which provides a comprehensive compilation of the assistance offers and programs, thereby facilitating the sharing of such information with other assistance providers in order to avoid duplication and overlap in the provision of technical assistance;

3. To prevent duplication and to further improve our cooperation and coordination, including, where appropriate, by conducting joint technical assistance programs or joints visits to States with the consent of the States concerned;

4. To commend those organizations, institutions and UN bodies that have kept the CTC informed on their available and implemented technical assistance programs, and to urge those that have not yet done so to provide such information to the CTC on a regular basis;

5. To join our efforts in focusing relevant anti-terrorism action plans to the targets and priorities of Resolution 1373 identified by the CTC;

6. To intensify efforts to encourage States to become parties to and implement in domestic law the 12 anti-terrorism international conventions and protocols and to assist States in this regard;

7. To continue our efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination to implement fully Resolution 1373 (2001); to follow-up on this Declaration through a future meeting of our organizations within six months; and to that end take note of the offer of the League of Arab States to host our next meeting.

Austria, Vienna
12 March 2004

# Appendix

## List of participants

**Organizations**

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization

Bank for International Settlements (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision)

Central Asian Cooperation Organization

Collective Security Treaty Organization

Commonwealth Secretariat

Commonwealth of Independent States/Anti-Terrorist Centre

Council of Baltic Sea States

Council of Europe

European Union

Financial Action Task Force

G8 Counter-Terrorism Action Group

GUUAM

International Association of Insurance Supervisors

International Atomic Energy Agency

International Civil Aviation Organization

International Monetary Fund

International Organization for Migration

Interpol

League of Arab States

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors

Black Sea Economic Cooperation

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

Organization of American States

Organization of the Islamic Conference

Shanghai Cooperation Organization

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

South-East European Cooperation Process

Southeast European Cooperation Initiative

Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

United Nations

- Counter-Terrorism Committee
- Department of Political Affairs
- Department of Public Information
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

World Customs Organization